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### Amendments to the Specification

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Changes relative to the immediate prior version are shown using strikethrough to identify deleted material and underlining to identify added material.

Please replace paragraph [0022] on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

-- FIG. 11 shows an illustration of the nasogastric feeding tube of FIGS. 9 and 10 after peristaltic transportation of the expandable, ~~digestion~~ digestible member through the pylorus and prior to full digestion of the expandable, digestible member. --

Please replace paragraph [0036] bridging pages 7 and 8 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The expandable, digestible member 10 is substantially dehydrated when in a collapsed state but swells upon contact with gastric juices. The duration of contact with gastric juices required to achieve full swelling of the expandable, digestible member 10 may vary according to the nature of the expandable, digestible member 10, the type of weave and of texture thereof, the content and/or acidity of an individual's stomach, and the like. Preferably, full swelling occurs within about 5 minutes of introducing the exposed expandable, digestible member 10 into a stomach, and more preferably within about 3 minutes. In addition, it is preferred that the expandable, digestible member be substantially fibrous. Suitable materials for use as expandable, digestible members in accordance with the present invention include but are not limited to protein collagens (e.g., extracted from cowhide), meat, and carbohydrate polymers (e.g. plant fiber). --

Please replace paragraph [0037] on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Preferably, an external diameter 20 of the expandable, digestible member 10 in a collapsed state does not exceed an external diameter 22 of the catheter 4 by more than about twenty percent, more preferably by more than about ten percent. Furthermore, an external diameter 24 of the expandable, digestible member 10 in a

swelled state does exceed an external diameter 22 of the catheter 4 by more than thirty percent or by more than about fifty percent, more preferably by more than about two hundred percent. --